

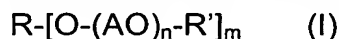
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (new): A composition comprising an ingredient selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula I:



wherein R is an at least monofunctional, saturated or unsaturated, alkyl group having from at least 2 up to 36 carbon atoms, m is a number from 1 to 16, and n is a number from 1 to 500, with the proviso that the product of n and m has a value of at least 1, and R', independently of each other, represents a hydrogen atom or a sulfur-containing group selected from the group consisting of OC-CH₂-S-SO₃M, SO₃M or SO₄M, and wherein at least one R' has to be one of the sulfur-containing groups; a compound corresponding to formula (II):



wherein R'', independently of each other, represent a hydrogen atom or a sulfur-containing group selected from the group consisting of OC-CH₂-S-SO₃M, SO₃M, and wherein at least one R'' has to be one of the sulfur-containing groups, AO, independently of each other, represent C₂H₄O-, C₃H₆O- or C₄H₈O-, the indices x, y and z, independently of one another, are 0 or their sum have a value of from 1 to 500, M is a cation having at least one charge, and wherein if x, y or z is zero, than its corresponding substituent R'' is a hydrogen atom.

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Claim 17 (new): The composition of claim 16 wherein in formula (I) the product of n and m or in formula (II) the sum of x, y and z is a number from 10 to 100.

Claim 18 (new): The composition of claim 16 wherein in formula (I) the product of n and m or in formula (II) the sum of x, y and z is a number from 30 to 80.

Claim 19 (new): The composition of claim 16 wherein in formulas (I) and (II), AO is exclusively C_2H_4O .

Claim 20 (new): The composition of claim 16 wherein in formulas (I) and (II), AO is exclusively C_3H_6O .

Claim 21 (new): The composition of claim 16 further comprising water.

Claim 22 (new): The composition of claim 21 wherein the compound of formula (I) is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.1 to 90% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

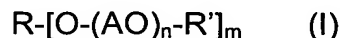
Claim 23 (new): The composition of claim 21 wherein the composition has a pH of from about 4 to 10.5, at a temperature of about 21°C.

Claim 24 (new): The composition of claim 21 wherein the composition has a pH of from about 5 to 9, at a temperature of about 21°C.

Claim 25 (new): The composition of claim 21 wherein the compound of formula (I) is present in the composition in an amount of from about 10 to 50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 26 (new): The composition of claim 21 wherein the compound of formula (I) is present in the composition in an amount of from about 25 to 45% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 27 (new): A process for treating textile fibers comprising contacting the fibers with an aqueous composition containing an ingredient selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula I:



wherein R is an at least monofunctional, saturated or unsaturated, alkyl group having from at least 2 up to 36 carbon atoms, m is a number from 1 to 16, and n is a number from 1 to 500, with the proviso that the product of n and m has a value of at least 1, and R', independently of each other, represents a hydrogen atom or a sulfur-containing group selected from the group consisting of OC-CH₂-S-SO₃M, SO₃M or SO₄M, and wherein at least one R' has to be one of the sulfur-containing groups; a compound corresponding to formula (II):



wherein R'', independently of each other, represent a hydrogen atom or a sulfur-containing group selected from the group consisting of OC-CH₂-S-SO₃M, SO₃M, and wherein at least one R'' has to be one of the sulfur-containing groups, AO, independently of each other, represent C₂H₄O-, C₃H₆O- or C₄H₈O-, the indices x, y and z, independently of one another, are 0 or their sum have a value of from 1 to 500, M is a cation having at least one charge, and wherein if x, y or z is zero, than its corresponding substituent R'' is a hydrogen atom, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 28 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein in formula (I) the product of n and m or in formula (II) the sum of x, y and z is a number from 10 to 100.

Claim 29 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein in formula (I) the product of n and m or in formula (II) the sum of x, y and z is a number from 30 to 80.

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Claim 30 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein in formulas (I) and (II), AO is exclusively C_2H_4O .

Claim 31 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein in formulas (I) and (II), AO is exclusively C_3H_6O .

Claim 32 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein the compound of formula (I) is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.1 to 90% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 33 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein the composition has a pH of from about 4 to 10.5, at a temperature of about 21°C.

Claim 34 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein the composition has a pH of from about 5 to 9, at a temperature of about 21°C.

Claim 35 (new): The process of claim 27 wherein the compound of formula (I) is present in the composition in an amount of from about 25 to 45% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.